

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1-14. (canceled)

15. (currently amended): A liposome preparation ~~consisting essentially of~~ comprising a natural bilayer-forming lipid component and an active ingredient component, wherein the lipid component consists of a ~~bilayer forming lipid phospholipid~~ concentration of between 1.0% to 2.0% (w/w) of the liposome preparation, and wherein the active ingredient component comprises one or more components selected from the group consisting of micronutrients, proteins, immunoglobulins, vitamins and minerals.

16-17. (canceled)

18. (currently amended): The liposome preparation of claim 15, wherein the lipid component is selected from the group consisting of ~~glycerolphospholipids glycerophospholipids~~, sphingophospholipids, and mixtures thereof.

19. (currently amended): The liposome preparation of claim 15, wherein the lipid component is selected from the group consisting of glyceroglycolipids, ~~sphingoglycolipids sphingoglycolipids~~, and mixtures thereof.

20. (previously presented): The liposome preparation of claim 15, further comprising a stabilizer, wherein the stabilizer is selected from the group consisting of cholesterol, stigmasterol, carrageenan, and mixtures thereof.

21. (previously presented): The liposome preparation of claim 20, wherein the concentration of the stabilizer comprises 0.05% to 30% w/w of the liposome preparation.

22. (previously presented): The liposome preparation of claim 15, wherein the micronutrients consist of thiamine HCl and ferrous sulfate.

23. (canceled)

24. (previously presented): The liposome preparation of claim 15 that is useful in a nutritional supplement or an infant formula.